

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

APPLICATION FOR GILL NET PERMIT

(Under Authority of § 29.1-412 and § 29.1-416 of the Code of Virginia, 4 VAC 15-340-30)

For Permit Period June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: \$8.00 for each net operated

PERMIT (Circle one): NEW RENEWAL

PREVIOUS PERMIT NUMBER: _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Street or Route

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____ Work Phone () _____ - _____

County and Season to be used in (check each that applies):

City of Virginia Beach (July 1 – November 1 Season) _____

City of Virginia Beach (November 1 – March 31 Season) _____

A Separate Tag Must Be Issued For Each Net

Number Of Nets To Be Operated _____ @ \$8.00 Each = \$ _____

Send this application and a check or money order made payable to TREASURER OF VIRGINIA for \$8.00 for each net tag to: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations? Yes _____ No _____ If “yes”, year and nature of offense _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

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TAG	DATE ISSUED	TAG	DATE ISSUED
# _____	_____	# _____	_____
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CONDITIONS OF GILL NET PERMIT

A. A gill net permit shall authorize the holder to take nongame fish during the times and in the waters and for the purposes authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (C and D below). A gill net shall not be more than 300 feet in length. The mesh size shall be not less than 1 1/2 inch bar or square mesh (3-inch stretched mesh). Applicants must annually purchase tags for each net the applicant intends to operate and attach a Department tag to each net prior to use. A single permit will be issued to the permittee and shall list each tag number the permittee has been issued. All nets must be checked daily and all game fish returned to the wild.

B. The holder of a gill net permit must be present with the net at all times when it is being set and checked for fish. The holder may have others to assist him, and such persons assisting are not required to have a permit. However, those assisting the permittee must meet the fishing license requirements of the Commonwealth.

C. Effective July 1, 2006 the use of gill nets will not be allowed in Southampton County.

D. Gill nets may be used in the **City of Virginia Beach** in Back Bay and its natural tributaries (not including Lake Tecumseh and Red Wing Lake) and North Landing River from the North Carolina line to Pungo Ferry (not including Blackwater River) for the taking of mullet only for table use and also for sale from July 1 through November 1, both dates inclusive; and for the taking of other nongame fish, except mullet, for table use and also for sale from November 1 through March 31, both dates inclusive. Gill nets set in Back Bay waters must be at least 300 feet from any other net and be at least 300 feet from the shoreline. All such nets must be marked at both ends and at least every 100 feet along the length of the net with a five-inch by twelve-inch (minimum dimensions) float.

E. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified.

F. **FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAWS:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other Federal, State or Local laws and regulations, including those that apply to Threatened/Endangered Species.